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SUBJECT: SEPT.8 PRESS BRIEFING ON SOUTHERN AFRICA

1. DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN FRED BROWN, AT SEP 8 PRESS BRIEF-
ING, RESPONDED TO NUMEROUS QUESTIONS RE SOUTHERN AFRICA.
FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS OF TRANSCRIPT (BEGIN TEXT):

Q: HAS SECRETARY ALREADY REPORTED TO PRESIDENT ON HIS
AFRICAN SAFARIS?

A: YES, HE HAS, THIS MORNING.

Q: HOW LONG WAS THAT?

A: I THINK IT WAS ABOUT AN HOUR AND A HALF.

Q: WHAT ARE HIS PLANS FOR THE REST OF WEEK?

A: HIS PLANS DEPEND ON WHAT AMBASSADOR SCHAUFLELE SENDS BACK.
AS YET THERE HAS BEEN NO REPORT FROM AMBASSADOR SCHAUFLELE.

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I WOULD EXPECT THAT THERE WOULD BE SOME REPORT WITHIN NEXT

TWENTY-FOUR HOURS. BUT, AS SECRETARY SAID YESTERDAY IN HAMBURG, DECISION TO MAKE TRIP TO AFRICA WILL DEPEND ON WHETHER OR NOT HE FEELS -- HE AND THE PRESIDENT FEEL THAT

THERE WILL BE SOME USEFUL OUTCOME, AND THAT WE CAN REALLY PLAY HELPFUL ROLE. THIS WILL DEPEND ON WHAT SCHAUFELLE REPORTS FROM HIS CONSULTATIONS, WHICH ARE NOW GOING ON.

Q: THERE ARE PERSISTENT REPORTS IN COMMODITY MARKETS THAT TOPIC IN SWITZERLAND RAISED PROBABLY BY SOUTH AFRICA WAS ITS ECONOMIC SITUATIONS SPECIFICALLY RELATED TO INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND GOLD SALES AND THE EFFECT THAT IS HAVING ON GOLD PRICES IN SOUTH AFRICA'S BALANCE OF PAYMENTS.

A: YES.

Q: IS THERE ANY ACCURACY TO THAT? WAS THAT TOPIC OF DISCUSSION?

A: I CANNOT HELP YOU. I DID NOT KNOW THAT THAT WAS DISCUSSED IN ZURICH. I CANNOT CONFIRM IT.

Q: DOES SECRETARY CONSIDER THAT HE HAS BEEN INVITED TO COME TO DAR ES SALAAM?

A: SECRETARY HAS HAD AN INDICATION THAT HE WOULD BE WELCOME IN DAR ES SALAAM. AND, AS I JUST NOTED, IF CIRCUMSTANCES, I.E., WHAT AMBASSADOR SCHAUFELLE FINDS OUT, SEEM TO INDICATE SOME CHANCE THAT HE CAN CONTRIBUTE TO PEACEFUL SOLUTION IN NAMIBIA AND RHODESIA, THEN HE IS GOING TO GO.

Q: BUT THERE IS MAJOR DIFFERENCE, IS THERE NOT, BETWEEN BEING INVITED AND BEING WELCOME?

A: NO, I DO NOT THINK THERE IS REALLY ANY MAJOR DIFFERENCE THERE, JERRY. LET'S NOT GET TIED UP IN VERBALISMS OVER THIS.

Q: THERE IS HELL OF DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BEING INVITED AND UNCLASSIFIED

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BEING WELCOME. I AM SURE I AM WELCOME IN YOUR HOUSE, BUT YOU HAVEN'T INVITED ME.

A: SECRETARY IS CONFIDENT THAT HE WOULD BE WELCOME, AND HE IS PREPARED TO GO IF HE FEELS THAT, ON THE BASIS OF WHAT AMBASSADOR SCHAUFELLE REPORTS BACK, THERE WILL BE SOME USEFUL OUTCOME. HE OBVIOUSLY IS NOT GOING TO MAKE TRIP IN VAIN. WE ARE WAITING FOR REPORT FROM SCHAUFELLE, AND

THAT WILL DETERMINE IF AND WHEN HE GOES.

Q: SECRETARY IS NOT PREOCCUPIED WITH SEMANTICS OF WHETHER HE IS WELCOME OR INVITED.

A: NOT AT ALL.

Q: IF HE THINKS HE IS WELCOME AND CAN BE USEFUL, HE WILL GO ANYWAY, EVEN IF HE IS NOT INVITED.

A: WE ARE NOT ENGAGED IN SEMANTICS HERE.

Q: YES, WE ARE.

A: DETERMINING FACTOR IS WHETHER OR NOT SECRETARY FEELS, ON BASIS OF WHAT IS LEARNED FROM CONSULTATIONS NOW IN PROGRESS IN DAR WHETHER OR NOT HE CAN PLAY USEFUL ROLE IN NEXT STAGE OF TRYING TO FIND PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THESE VARIOUS PROBLEMS.

Q: WOULD YOU SAY THAT WAS TWO-WAY STREET, THAT HE HAS EQUALLY -- UNDER PRACTICAL NECESSITY OF TAKING SOMETHING WITH HIM WHEN HE GOES, AS WELL AS SOMETHING PRODUCTIVE EMERGING FROM PRESIDENTIAL MEETING IN DAR? IN OTHER WORDS, DOESN'T HE HAVE TO BRING SOMETHING FROM MR. VORSTER?

A: I WOULD NOT BE IN POSITION TO AGREE WITH YOU THAT HE HAS TO BRING SOMETHING. I REALLY CANNOT ADD GREAT DEAL TO WHAT HE SAID AT HAMBURG YESTERDAY. HE WENT INTO SOME DETAIL AS TO DETERMINANTS OF WHETHER OR NOT HE WOULD GO AND WHEN. I CANNOT ADD TO THAT.

Q: IS SCHAUFELE SEEING JUST PRESIDENT OF TANZANIA?

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A: HE IS SEEING PRESIDENT OF TANZANIA, AND I THINK HE WILL BE SEEING POSSIBLY OTHER PRESIDENTS. I CANNOT GIVE YOU READ-OUT ON PRECISELY WHOM HE WILL SEE. I DON'T THINK THAT IS KNOWN PRECISELY.

Q: IS HE GOING ANYWHERE OTHER THAN DAR? IS HE GOING TO LUSAKA?

A: NOT THAT I KNOW OF.

Q: COULD YOU CHECK ON THAT?

A: DO NOT FORGET THAT HE JUST GOT THERE ABOUT THREE HOURS AGO.

Q: THERE IS SOME POSSIBILITY --

A: I DO NOT THINK I WILL BE ABLE TO TELL YOU, SCOTT, WHO HE IS GOING TO SEE OR ON WHAT SCHEDULE. I REALLY DO NOT THINK THAT IS GOING TO BE KNOWN BEFORE HE DOES IT.

Q: BUT IT IS PART OF HIS MANDATE TO SEE BLACK NATIONALIST RHODESIAN LEADERS?

A: I DO NOT KNOW ABOUT THAT.

Q: AT RISK OF BRINGING YOU TO PHILOLOGICAL BRINK --

A: YES, JERRY, I AM READY TO GO TO THE BRINK.

Q: HAS HE BEEN -- WITH YOUR SALARY, YOU NEED BRINK'S -- HAS HE BEEN INVITED, OR IS HE WELCOME IN SOUTH AFRICA? WHAT IS STATUS OF THAT AS RESULT OF TALKS WITH VORSTER? I WASN'T ON TRIP.

A: I WOULD HAVE TO CHECK UP ON PRECISELY LANGUAGE SECRETARY HAS USED WITH REGARD TO POSSIBLE INVITATION OR TRIP TO SOUTH AFRICA.

Q: HE SAID IN PUBLIC PRESS CONFERENCE HS HAS BEEN INVITED.

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A: YES, THAT IS MY RECOLLECTION, BUT I WANT TO CHECK UP ON PRECISE WORDING HE USED. (END TEXT). KISSINGER

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